Zonal transport departments

540. SHRI. KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would direct the Capital Transport Department that Zonal Transport Departments should not be more than five kilometres distance from the areas it would cover in order to decongest the existing transport departments;

(b) if so. by when it is expected to be done in order to facilitate ladies and senior citizens; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER Of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) to (c) Road Transport is a State subject. It is the prerogative of the State Governments to open zonal offices of the Transport Department keeping in view the number of motor vehicles, requirement of its citizens and importance of the area/zone due to social, economic and geographical reasons. There is no such proposal on the part of this department to direct the State Governments to open more zonal offices.

Delinking of Vadinar from Kandla Port

541. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to delink Vadinar area from Kandla Port limit and revert back to Gujarat State;

(b) if so, by when it would be included in Gujarat State; and

(c) how much compensation would be rewarded to the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (,c) Do not arise.

Road accidents in metro cities

†542. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the increasing number of road accidents in all metro cities including Delhi;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the reports or recommendations of Central Institutes for road development and research are under Government's consideration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) As per information available for 22 metro cities, including Delhi, for which data has been received the details of number of road accidents that took place during the years 2003, 2004, and 2005 are enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

The number of roads accidents during 2003-2005

SI.N.	Name of the city	2003	2004	2005(P)
1.	Ahmedabad	2569	2435	2460
2.	Bengaluru	10505	9131	7709
3.	Bhopal	2262	2411	2691
4.	Chennai	4243	4890	4499
5.	Coimbatore	1105	1223	1214
6.	Delhi	8864	9087	9351
7.	Hyderabad	3427	3525	3088
8.	Indore	3983	3909	3140
9.	Jaipur	1973	2042	2367
10.	Kanpur	874	900	898
11.	Kochi	2958	3123	3050
12.	Kolkata	8737	3751	2180
13.	Lucknow	920	921	957
14..	Ludhiana	498	423	438
15.	Madurai	875	906	836
16.	Mumbai	25162	25677	29265
17.	Nagpur	1395	1540	1627
18.	Pune	1833	2119	2141
19.	Surat	1409	1484	1441
20.	Vadodara	1631	1547	1494
21.	Varanasi	225	NA	NA
22.	Visakhapatnam	1163	969	1025

P - Provisional.

NA - Not Available